



Partners in Aid

Annual Report for 2016

1. Partners in Aid's purpose, objectives/aims and values

Partners in Aid was established in 1962 to support the very poor in India and Bangladesh. In 2016 we are guided by:

- A **Vision** of enduring, capable communities
- A **Mission**
 - To improve living standards, capacity and resilience in developing communities with a focus on the Indian sub-continent.
 - To fund and facilitate social and environment projects and child education sponsorship with local partners.
- **Values** of Integrity, Dignity and Effectiveness

Our **short term objectives** are to promote and assist with local community and economic development projects. This work includes watershed management, sustainable agriculture, job skills training, health education, women's self-help groups, school programs and child sponsorship

Our **long term objectives** are to improve the living standards through environmentally sustainable approaches in rural and urban areas in developing countries

2. Partners in Aid's income and expenditure for the financial year 2015-2016 and overall financial health;

In the financial year 2015-2016, Partners in Aid's income was \$216,536 comprising \$138,479 in direct donations and \$74,340 in the form of a bequest. Our total expenditure was \$187,308 of which \$129,127 was expended on projects in India, \$33,920 in Bangladesh and \$14,622 in the Philippines. Administration costs (audit fees, ACFID fees, insurance and accounting fees) totalled \$9,649 or 4.5% of total income.

Partners in Aid ended the financial year with an operating surplus of \$29,228

Current assets were \$218,637 and current liabilities were \$522.

Income was consistent with the previous year but with the addition of the bequest, and the organization is in good financial health with the ability to pay its liabilities when and as due.

3. Our most significant aid and development activities undertaken during 2015-2016 and their impact

During 2015-2016, Partners in Aid raised funds to support projects run by our project partners in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines. Key projects and development activities include:

ABWU in Kolkata – vocational skills training for women, remedial tuition and special needs teaching for children and young women, child sponsorship of girls and young women in the children’s home, funded excursions beyond the children’s home.

The impacts in 2015-2016 were that 66 girls being raised in a children’s home had access to education and training which improve their chances of independence as adults; all children were provided with karate training and enrichment experiences beyond the home where they live, 15 young women were trained with employable skills.

SEDS in Andhra Pradesh – child sponsorship supporting children’s education to Year 10; watershed management, low carbon farming and sustainable agriculture, vocational skills training

The impact has been that in 2015-2016, 3 villages and 227 farmers have had access to renewed water storage tanks for their families and community, their crops and their animals; also fresh fish as a food and income source. Farmers have been trained in low carbon farming practices to prepare them for trading on the international carbon market; over 200 children have been financially supported to attend and complete school; 25 women have been trained in sewing techniques and provided with employment as a result.

Jamuna River in Bangladesh - Supporting women’s self help groups by providing basic literacy and life skills education; providing pre-school education and supporting a primary school to provide teachers and education supplies; providing technical training to adults to assist them in developing income-earning activities, namely sewing and textiles

As a result, 45 women’s self help groups met regularly during the year, 10 of 20 women leading these groups have been trained, 2 pre-school teachers have been employed and trained, 80 participants have benefitted from vocational training and half those have continued with income generating activities.

Sinangpad in Philippines – local community health training in hygiene and sanitation.

As a result, 7 villages in the year 2015-2016 received mentor training in good health and hygiene and participated in planning to sustain these practices in the longer term. Toilets were constructed, animals physically separated from people, and good basic hygiene practiced.

4. Evaluation into the effectiveness of and the learning from aid and development activity

In 2016, a thorough evaluation was conducted of the Low Carbon Farming project in Andhra Pradesh. The project had achieved all the goals and targets in the project plan which were under their control, but due to slow development of a monetarising tool, were unable to start trading in carbon credits.

The number of villages (97 with a target of 42) and land area involved in the project (14,572 acres with a target of 12,000 acres) exceeded the targets, demonstrating the engagement of farmers in this method of farming and willingness to change practices for future income potential. Practices were being sustained over the 5 years of the project demonstrating the

effectiveness of the training and commitment to change by farmers. The success of the project resulted in a new project agreement being finalized in 2016.

Evaluation of the Sinangpad project was conducted in late 2015 prior to a new project agreement being finalized. The long term impacts of training and mentoring in the healthy village project has been evident in the numbers of latrines constructed, the numbers of animal pens and the increasing spread of hygiene practices across the barangays in the subject area. The destruction caused by a serious typhoon in this period has set back the project destroying infrastructure and requiring short term re-prioritising. However the training has stood the test of time and will be built upon as the project continues.

Evaluation of the other 2 projects is ongoing via regular reports at Board meetings; a more thorough evaluation will be undertaken at the end of the project cycle for each.

5. A report by the governing body

The report from the Board Chairperson to the 2016 Annual General Meeting is attached below. Detailed reports on each project from project Directors for 2015-2016 can be found on our website at <http://partnersinaid.org.au/resources/>

6. Financial statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code;

Audited financial statements are attached below.

7. A statement of commitment to full adherence to the Code;

Partners in Aid is a member of ACFID – the Australian Council for International Development – and is committed to fully adhering with its Code of Conduct.

8. Identification of the ability to lodge a complaint against Partners in Aid and a point of contact

Complaints about the organization or board can be directed to the Chair and details of this are also on the website:

<http://partnersinaid.org.au/contact-us/>

9. Identification of the ability to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code of Conduct

If anyone wishes to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code of Conduct, they are advised on our website that this can be done directly to ACFID. <http://partnersinaid.org.au/contact-us/>

Appendix 1.

Chair and Report to Annual General Meeting



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Annual General Meeting Reports

19th November 2016

Chairperson's Report

It's been a year of incremental but positive change for Partners in Aid. Whilst our donors have continued to support projects in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines, with huge benefits for children, families and communities in those regions, our Board too has changed to adapt to the future.

Cecily Neil, a very experienced community engagement specialist with many years of experience in developing countries, joined our board 12 months ago bringing a depth of knowledge about the aid sector and especially the Philippines. Daniel Bentley has also been assisting the board with our communications and engagement at home, providing fresh ideas on how we might increase our donor base and create new fundraising opportunities. They have added depth of experience and fresh perspective to the work of our hardworking and long term board members during 2016.

Partners in Aid has continued to receive support from a loyal and committed base of donors, enabling us to support our project partners to do the important work they do. Our income this year has remained steady with the exception of an additional generous and very helpful bequest. Our expenditure also has remaining consistent with previous years, with administrations costs well under the 15% target we set as an organization. Full details are in the Treasurers Report and Audited Financial Statement. It is clear however that whilst our income remains steady, the costs for our partners of maintaining their projects is increasing. The rising global cost of fuel, of labour, of some foods and sundry other items, means that our project dollars are stretched. We have acknowledged that we need to find new ways of raising funds and this year embarked on our first crowdfunding project. Whilst its success won't be known at the time of this AGM, there have been valuable lessons learned from the experience and about ways of engaging broader group of supporters and donors for our future sustainability.

SEDS in rural southern India, ABWU in Kolkata, the Symbiosis Jamuna River Project in Bangladesh and Singangpad in the Philippines have continued this year to improve the livelihoods and future opportunities of those communities they work in. Project Directors will report on each of these partnerships and activities, but it is noteworthy that each of these long term partnerships has been sustained over many years with steady and increasingly positive social and environmental outcomes. The longevity of Partners in Aid, the continuity in its board and volunteers, and the reliability of our donors, has meant that the "long game" of development projects in the countries that we support has been possible. It has meant they can plan, in the medium term at least, and can take some calculated risks with developing new and better ways of doing things - the Low Carbon Farming project in India is just one example. Our longevity also means that we can provide mentoring and support to our project partners through difficult times with knowledge and insights that come from a long history together.

It also underlies the mutual accountability between Partners in Aid and our partner organization. This is one of the great strengths of our organization and something we should value.

The board has undergone a restructure this year to formalize a committee system and enable more volunteers to support our work. We hope that our new Fundraising, Marketing and Communications Committee will interest some of our supporters with fresh ideas and skills to help us explore new sources of income so that we can continue to provide that continuity of support to our project partners.

I'd like to thank the Board for its hard work as always: Lyn and Ian Pickering who provide and maintain our registered office at their home and host meetings; Andrea Pickering our reliable and hardworking Treasurer; Graham Moore diligent and thorough secretary, Kristin Aitken who consistently produces a newsletter, maintains our website and ensured our crowdfunding project got up and running, and Cecily Neil for her experience and insights in the aid sector.

I would especially like to thank and acknowledge Anne-Marie Maltby who is stepping down from the Board this year. Anne-Marie has been a board member for over 16 years, project director for ABWU and was Chair for 3 years during a time of major transition for Partners in Aid. Her skill, patience and careful negotiations at that time ensured that we emerged strong and viable as an organization. Anne-Marie will continue to work on the ABWU project and be part of our Project Committee but we will feel her absence on the Board.

Finally thank you to our donors and supporters. We and our partners couldn't assist those thousands of people and communities each year without your generous support. You really do make a difference.

Partners in Aid is in a good place right now. We have a skilled and capable board, viable projects and a strong supporter base. There are many opportunities for us to build on these in the future with new approaches and a willingness to embrace incremental change. We have certainly started on that process.

Amanda Stone

Chair

19th November 2016

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts		
* Monetary	139,775	159,468
* Non Monetary	0	0
Legacies and bequests	74,340	10,000
Grants		
* Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0	0
* Other Australian	0	0
* Other overseas	0	0
Investment Income	2,421	4,160
Other Income	0	0
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence		
Total Revenue	<u>216,536</u>	<u>173,628</u>
EXPENSES		
International Programs		
* Funds to international projects	177,659	168,383
* Project support costs	0	0
Community education	0	0
Fundraising costs		
* Public	1,280	868
* government and multilaterals	0	0
Accountability & Administration	8,369	19,380
Non-Monetary Expenditure	0	0
Total International Aid & Development Programs Expenditure	<u>187,308</u>	<u>188,631</u>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>187,308</u>	<u>188,631</u>
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>29,228</u>	<u>(15,003)</u>
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<u>29,228</u>	<u>(15,003)</u>

Please note : a copy of the Full Financial Report is available on request

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT JUNE 30TH, 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	148,558	155,174
Trade & other receivables	79	23
Inventories	0	0
Assets held for sale	0	0
Other financial assets	70,000	34,522
Total Current Assets	<u>218,637</u>	<u>189,719</u>
Non Current Assets		
Trade & other receivables	0	0
Other financial Assets	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	0	0
Investment Property	0	0
Intangibles	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>218,637</u>	<u>189,719</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and other payables	0	287
Borrowings	0	0
Current tax liabilities	0	0
Other liabilities	522	545
Provisions	0	0
Other financial liabilities	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>522</u>	<u>832</u>
Non Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	0	0
Other Financial liabilities	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>522</u>	<u>832</u>
Net Assets	<u>218,115</u>	<u>188,887</u>
EQUITY		
Reserves	0	0
Retained Earnings	218,115	188,887
Total Equity	<u>218,115</u>	<u>188,887</u>

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2016**

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
Balance at 30/6/15 (commencing balance)	\$188,887	\$0	\$188,887
Adjustments or changes in equity due to, for example, adoption of new accounting standards	\$0	\$0	\$0
Items of other comprehensive income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$29,228	\$0	\$29,228
Amount transferred (to) from reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance at 30/6/16 (year end balance)	\$218,115	\$0	\$218,115

**PARTNERS IN AID LTD
CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2016**

	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at end of year	Comments
SEDS Sponsorship	\$ 45,367	\$ 48,095	\$ 45,636	\$ 47,826	
ABWU Sponsorship	\$ 13,582	\$ 15,430	\$ 15,379	\$ 13,633	
Total for Other Purposes	\$ 130,747	\$ 153,010	\$ 126,658	\$ 157,099	
TOTAL	\$ 189,696	\$ 216,535	\$ 187,673	\$ 218,558	

SEDS sponsorship & ABWU sponsorship programs are the only funds raised for a designated purpose which generated 10% of more of total income for the period under review

The cash balance disclosed above includes cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets as per the balance sheet.

Please note: The summary financial reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au



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Independent Auditor's Opinion

To the members of Partners in Aid Limited

The accompanying concise financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd the year ended 30 June 2016, comprising of the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and a table of cash movements for designated purposes is derived from the general purpose financial report of Partners in Aid Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2016. The concise financial report does not contain all of the disclosures required in the Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the concise financial report in accordance with the requirements set out in the *ACFID Code of Conduct*. For Further information on the Code please refer to the *ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance* available at www.acfid.asn.au. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of the concise financial report; selecting and applying appropriate account policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our audit procedures. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Partners in Aid Limited for the year ended 30 June 2016. Our Audit report on the financial report for the year was signed on the 11th January 2017 and was not subject to any modification. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to the audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the next year is free from material misstatement.

Our procedures in respect of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independent requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the professional accounting bodies in Australia.

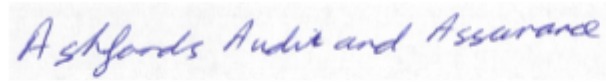


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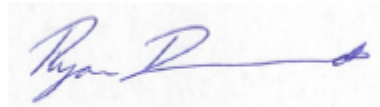
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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report of Partners in Aid Limited for the year ended 30 June 2016 complies with the requirements of the Australian Council for the International Development.



Ashfords Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants



Ryan H. Dummett
Director

Dated 11 January 2017
